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SUBJECT: NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE ON SOVIET EMIGRATION
PROCEDURES

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1. ARTICLE BY CHRIS WREN IN JAN 21 NY TIMES COVERS
MUCH THE SAME GROUND AS WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE BY
TOTH (REFTEL). WREN SAYS "OVERHAUL" OF EMIGRATION
PROCEDURES, DISCLOSED BY "SEMI-OFFICIAL SOVIET SOURCES
AND CONFIRMED IN PART BY WESTERN DIPLOMATS AND JEWISH
ACTIVISTS", INVOLVES REDUCTION IN EXIT FEES AND SIMPLI-
FICATION OF THE BUREAUCRATIC PROCESS. HE CITES
WESTERN DIPLOMATS AS BELIEVING SOVIET MOVES TAKEN IN
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ORDER TO ESTABLISH RECORD OF COMPLIANCE WITH CSCE FINAL

ACT. POINTS WHICH WREN COVERS IN ADDITION TO THOSE IN
TOTH ARTICLE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

2. APPLICANT WHO IS REFUSED PERMISSION TO EMIGRATE WILL
NO LONGER HAVE TO PAY 40 RUBLE FEE FOR SUBSEQUENT
APPLICATIONS THAT ARE TURNED DOWN.

3. A SOVIET "LEGAL SOURCE" IS QUOTED AS SAYING HE
EXPECTED SOME CHANGES WILL DEAL WITH PROVISIONS ON
"KNOWLEDGE OF SECRETS", EMIGRATION OF "CRIMINALS", AND
EMIGRATION OF THOSE WHO WISH TO LEAVE BUT WHO HAVE
OBLIGATIONS TO PARENTS AND CHILDREN REMAINING BEHIND.

4. ACCORDING TO WREN, "NEARLY 12,000 JEWS" (SIC) LEFT
THE USSR LAST YEAR AND SINCE HELSINKI, NO "PROMINENT
JEWISH APPLICANTS" HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO EMIGRATE. HE
REPORTS "LITTLE MOVEMENT ON LIST OF FAMILY REUNIFICA-
TIONS SUBMITTED BY THE AMERICAN EMBASSY TO THE SOVIET
GOVERNMENT ON AUGUST 18", AND THAT "SLIGHTLY MORE THAN
A DOZEN OF THE 235 CASES PRESENTED BY THE AMERICANS ARE
UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE BEEN RESOLVED".

5. WREN ALSO REPORTS THAT TASS QUOTED A SOVIET PRESS
DISTRIBUTION OFFICIAL (YEVGENIY PROKOFIEV) AS HAVING
SAID ON JANUARY 20 THAT 18 "CAPITALIST COUNTRY"
NEWSPAPERS, INCLUDING NY TIMES, WOULD BE ON SALE IN
USSR THIS YEAR. SISCO

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